

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2012
13840 S. CICERO AVE., CRESTWOOD, IL 60445

CALL TO

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Robert

ORDER

Stranczek

ROLL

Those in attendance: Mayor Robert Stranczek, Trustee Wasag, Trustee Fowler,

CALL

Trustee Hirsch, Trustee Flynn and Trustee Toscas

Trustee Presta arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Also present: Village Services Director Bill Graffeo and Attorney David Sosin

DISCUSSION

1. Kelly Cooper of J & J Auto Rebuilders came in to speak to the Mayor and Committee in regards to moving his current business to a new, larger location. He will be moving from 4512-14 W. 137th St. to 4611 W. 136th St. A new special use will be required. Mayor and Committee all ok.
2. Willie and Ritha Mackmore came in to speak to the Mayor and Committee in regards to two lots on Pulaski Rd. 14049 and 14051. Each lot is 25' x 110' and is currently zoned Residential R1-single family. He is interested in combining the two lots and putting up a Commercial storage building. The Mayor and Committee recommended that he have an engineer work up the plans to see if the idea is feasible on that size lot, and then come back to see them. Mr. Mackmore was informed that a masonry building on a concrete slab is required.

3. Toni Eberhardt of Com Ed came in to touch base with the Mayor and Committee. She asked if they had any questions or concerns and mentioned that an annual report would be forthcoming electronically in the next week.

VILLAGE SERVICES

DIRECTOR REPORT

1. The Menards store in Crestwood has submitted a building permit to install a propane dispensing station. It is believed that it is not a propane station but a natural gas station. This would be the first one in Crestwood and more details will be needed, along with the State regulations.
2. The salt dome requirements are just about complete and should be going out to bid within the next week to 10 days.
3. Bill Graffeo also presented a phone system proposal for review, and stated that it is also ready to go out to bid in the next week.
4. John Kelly of All-Circo has been in contact with Bill Graffeo and has requested that the Village of Crestwood continue to pay him for his services.

Discussion followed. The Mayor and Committee would like Attorney Sosin to review the current contract that the Village had/has with Mr. Kelly.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ON PENDING

MATTERS

1. A letter was received from the IRS in regards to the termination of the Trinity College bonds that the Village of Crestwood sponsored. It has now been closed.
2. In regards to the item brought up last week by Trustee Flynn of preparing an ordinance preventing texting while driving. This is classified as a moving violation and will need to be handled at the regular court house not at our administrative adjudication hearings. No ordinance will be needed.

VILLAGE

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

1. The updated codification book is now available on-line. No major issues have been seen at the hearings or have been reported.
2. Attorney Sosin has been monitoring the tax appeal by the Menards in our T.I.F. district. The first meeting was held in regards to the adversarial appeal.

Attorney Sosin believes that the Village would benefit from the hiring of an attorney to monitor all the Village's large tax payers.

3. The Jenner & Block agreement is complete. Attorney Sosin is still receiving the final bills.
4. In regards to our part-time police officers and the training they receive from the Village. In the past we had the officers sign an agreement to remain with the Village for a specific amount of time after their training or they would need to pay for their training. This type of agreement needs to be signed at the beginning of their employment by the Village not at the beginning of their training. This agreement needs to be reviewed.
5. There are some changes to the "Open Meetings Act" that will need to be instituted on January 1, 2013.
6. The Actuarial study of our Police Pension Plan is complete. We are somewhat under funded. We are only 20% funded and we should be at least 60% funded. This needs to be addressed, as well as, where we hold the money (C.D.'s, etc.)
7. Attorney Sosin is receiving ordinance requests from several different sources. A policy needs to be adopted as to the chain of information with the Mayor and Committee aware of all requests.
8. Attorney Sosin would like the Mayor and Committee to review our impoundment ordinance. He feels that we need to reduce the number of tickets issued before impoundment down from the current 10.
9. Attorney Sosin is currently concerned about the Robbins Agreement. He wants this watched carefully, as he feels that they will be defaulting.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION - A motion was made by Trustee Toscas, seconded by Trustee Fowler at 8:10 p.m. to begin a closed executive session.

The regular Committee meeting was called back to order at 8:41 p.m.

NEW

BUSINESS

1. The Fire Dept. submitted a request for the repair of the Command Vehicle that Kevin McAuliffe drives to emergency calls. The Mayor and Committee will review the proposals and a decision will be made at the next Committee meeting on October 16, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Toscas motioned for adjournment, seconded by Trustee Flynn at 8:56 p.m.